

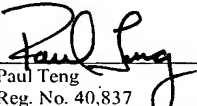


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1. Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Application No. 57-57451, published April 5, 1982;
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